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AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Cancel) Device for banding stacks of bank notes comprises a body, a container for packing material, a means for feeding said packing material and an element for arranging the stack of bank notes, wherein said container for packing material is embodied in the form of a box-like structure, a packing material is embodied in the form of flattened, made of band rings which are stacked in the container. The inventive device for feeding the packing material is embodied in the form of an element provided with a pick up unit and a mechanism for the displacement thereof. An element for arranging the stack of bank notes is embodied in such a way that it deforms the stack of bank notes along the longitudinal axis thereof and is provided with a sensor for defining the position of said stack. Said element is also connected to a mechanism for displacing the element provided with the pick up unit. The element for arranging the stack of bank notes and the container for the packing material made in the form the of band rings are mounted on the body with respect to each other in such a way that the deformed stack of bank notes is introduced in a ring taken from the container.

3. (Newly Added) A device for banding stacks of bank notes comprising:
a body;
a container for packing material having a box-like structure;
a means for feeding said packing material;

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and,

an element for arranging said stacks of bank notes.

4. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said packing material is band-rings stacked in a flattened condition.
5. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said means for feeding said packing material comprises of an element provided with both a pick-up unit and a mechanism for the displacement thereof.
6. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes deforms said stack of bank notes along the longitudinal axis.
7. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 6, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes comprises a sensor for defining the position of said stack.
8. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes is coupled to said

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displacement mechanism and said pick-up unit.

9. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes and said container for packing material are mounted to said body in such a way that said deformed stack of bank notes is introduced in a ring taken from said container.

2. (Amended) The ~~improvement~~ device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 1, wherein: ~~the said~~ the element for arranging ~~the said~~ the stack of bank notes ~~is embodied in the form of, having a~~ is embodied in the form of, having a tubular casing, ~~which converges from the an inlet to the an outlet and has comprises of~~ which converges from the an inlet to the an outlet and has comprises of a side cut along its full length, ~~at this the deformation of a banknote pile occurs at its motion along the tubular casing, and the withdrawal is effected through the side cut.~~

10. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2, wherein said stack of banknotes is deformed with the motion of said tubular casing.

11. (Newly Added) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2, wherein said stack of banknotes is removed through said side cut.